



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Date: 02nd November 2020
Time: 10:35am to 11:30pm
Venue: VMR #8 – 02 9916 5402

Present

Cr Hilda Mosby (Chair) – Division 12 – Masig
Cr Seriako Dorante – Division 8 – Hammond
Cr Kabay Tamu – Division 10 – Warraber
Kathy Cochran – Secretariat Officer

1. Welcome (Chair)

Cr Mosby welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

2. Opening Prayer

Cr Mosby opened the meeting in prayer.

3. Apologies

Nil

4. Conflict of Interest (COI) Prescribed and Declarable

Cr Mosby made the following declaration;

- She is a Torres Strait Regional Authority board member and hold the Climate and Environment portfolio.
- She is a member of the CSIRO Indigenous Climate Change Group

Cr Tamu made the following declaration;

- He is a plaintiff in a United Nation court case against the Australian Government on climate change affects on the Torres Strait Region.

5. Terms of Reference Discussion

Cr Mosby and the Committee walks through the Terms of Reference for the Climate Change Adaptation and Environment Committee.

Cr Mosby informs the Committee, the Executive for this Committee will be discussed and appointed at the SARG meeting tomorrow and that the Secretariat officer will be assisting the Committee with the minutes.

Cr Dorante suggested, going forward when the Executive is appointed the Committee should meet again and set out some real goals for the Committee for the term.

ACTION: A standing Agenda Item can be for the Executive once appointed to bring a quarterly update to the Committee on current and future works in the Region to address Climate change and Environmental issues.

ACTION: Secretariat Officer to source publications as mentioned from TSRA and TSIRC on their Climate change and Environment Plans and Strategy and distribute to Committee members and Executive.

6. Standing Agenda Items Discussion

No standing agenda item. Chair asked Secretariat to explain this Agenda topic for the benefit of the Committee.

7. Meeting Dates for 2021

Committee had a brief discussion regarding the dates and decided to wait until the dates of the 2021 Council Ordinary Meeting were set and known before setting the dates for their quarterly meeting for 2021.

ACTION: Secretariat officer to get Legal Advice on if the Committee Chair is unable to attend SARG due to other work commitments who will attend on her behalf.

ACTION: Executive Officer who is appointed to this committee to meet with the Committee during the November workshop to have discussion around the quarterly meeting dates.

8. General/ Other Business (on notice)

Nil

9. Next meeting date

To be advised.

10. Closing Prayer

Cr Mosby thanked everyone and closed the meeting in prayer.